



# **Sunday Worship!**

**November 27, 2022 @ 10:30am**

*View today's service on YouTube*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9X8OWLlpHjo>

**WELCOME** ~*Jason McDougall, Musical Director*

**OPENING HYMN** -*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (196)*

Verse 1

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

Verse 2

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP~All

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

**All: We can see a better world.**

When we close our eyes,

**We can dream a better dream.**

But when we open our eyes,

**We begin the work of faith.**

The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

**We can see a better world.**

When we enter this space,

**We dream a better dream.**

But when we leave this space,

**We begin the work of faith.**

So come in. Dream your dream.

**Find hope here.**

For in an hour,

**We will begin the work of faith.**

Let it be so.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

**A: I dream of sunflower fields.**

**B: I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.**

**A: I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd.**

**B: I dream of snow days.**

**A: I dream of empty beds in jail cells.**

**B: I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.**

**A: I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.**

**B: I dream of schools with enough money to teach.**

**A: I dream of parents with enough money to feed.**

**B: I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.**

**A: So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat. Light candle.**

**B: May this light be an invitation to keep awake.**

**A: May this light be our invitation to be Advent people—people who dream. Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Pastor Lesli McGowan

## **OPENING PRAYER /ILLUMINATION ~Pastor Lesli**

*O Great Dreamer, You dreamed up the stars in the sky. You dreamed up that magic baby smell and the way cream sinks into coffee. You dreamed up the crunch of fall leaves and jazz music. You dreamed up wisteria and evergreen and the pure magic that is a six-foot-tall sunflower. And in the midst of all of that, you dreamed up a dream for your people— a dream of hope and justice, a dream for eyes wide open, to both the world's suffering and the world's beauty. So today, as we read scripture, we ask that you would plant that same dream in us. Pour out your Spirit on our hearts and minds so that we may see what you see, and dream what you dream. Gratefully we pray, amen.*

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brush wood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

#### **Psalm 80:1-7**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Mark:13:24-37**

*“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. The Lesson of the Fig Tree “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. The Necessity for Watchfulness “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert,for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”*

**MESSAGE ~ Pastor Lesli**

**SONG OF AFFIRMATION - People, Look East (202)**

<p>Verse 1  <i>People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trump the hearth and set the table.          People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.</i></p>	<p>Verse 2:  <i>Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish that in course the flower may flourish.          People, look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way.</i></p>
<p>Verse 3:  <i>Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.          People, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.</i></p>	<p>Verse 4  <i>Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.          People, look east: Love the Lord, is on the way.</i></p>

**CONFESSION ~ All**

*Original Dreamer, Over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world. We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation. We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness. We hear your dream for community and hope. We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes. We continue to live with the curtains drawn, the covers pulled tight, eyes shut to the realities of the world. Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights. Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world. With hope we pray, Amen.*

**ASSURANCE ~Pastor Lesli**

## **PRAYER CARDS**

Place prayer cards in the offering plate.

**If you are remote, please advise prior to the start of service.**

## **OFFERING**

Make checks payable to

**SUMC and mail or drop off at 325 NE Maple Street, Pullman, Washington 99163**

## **OFFERING RESPONSE - *Emmanuel, Emmanuel (204)***

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.***

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God.

***We believe that God has dreams for humanity.***

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

***We believe that the Holy Spirit comforts us when our dreams turn to nightmares.***

We believe in Jesus.

***We believe that Jesus walked this world to wake us up, Inviting us to be the church in the world.***

We believe in dreams.

***We believe in the power that dreams have to show us a new way.***

So in this Advent season,

***We are those who dream and those who wake up. May it be so. Amen.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~Pastor Lesli**

### **CLOSING PRAYER ~Pastor Lesli**

## **CLOSING HYMN - *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light (206)***

Verse 1

***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.***

Refrain

***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus***

Verse 2

***I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.***

Verse 3:

***I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.***

## BENEDICTION ~Pastor Lesli

### SUMC EVENTS

#### ● A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 1:00 pm, South Fork, 1680 S Grand Ave, Pullman, WA 99163, UMC will cover the cost
- *Please make your reservations to attend by Sunday, December 4, 2022*
  - *Please contact Jeannine Rembert at 509 433-5859 or Kay Shew at 509 592-0444*
- *Please bring your memories and photos of UMW events plus your appetite and smile.*

#### ● POINSETTIAS

- \$12 ea
- Red, Maroon, White, Pink, Cinnamon
- Contact Larry Hiller, (509) 332-3763

#### ● PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL

- Sundays @ 10am and Wednesdays @ 7pm

#### ● ELM CAMPUS MINISTRY -

- Wednesdays: Dinner @ 5p, Program @ 6p, Praise Band @ 7p, SUMC

#### ● FAMILY PROMISE

- SUMC will be hosting FP December 4-11, 2022. Help needed.
  - Set up/Take down
  - Greeting Hosts
  - Overnight Hosts
  - Housekeeping Needs
- The following items are needed for Family Promise clients. If you can donate, please bring it to church on Sunday and place it in the grocery cart in the Sanctuary. You may also drop off items at the church during office hours; Monday-Thursday 11a-3p.

#### THANK YOU!

- Toiletries:
  - shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, hair care, dental care, feminine hygiene products, etc.